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BESCHIZZA HOPES TO RETURN WORKING HORSES NEXT WEEKEND

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019) – Jockey **Adam Beschizza** will likely return to the saddle next weekend to begin working horses at Fair Grounds following four weeks on the sideline after suffering a broken collar bone at Keeneland, according to his agent **Liz Morris**.

Beschizza, who began riding fulltime in the U.S. in 2017 from his native England, will attempt to defend his 2018 Fair Grounds riding title but could ride at Churchill Downs at the end of the Fall Meet.

“He’s getting a lot better and ready to get back to action,” Morris said. “He’ll head to Fair Grounds next week and will get back working horses.”

Prior to his injury in October, Beschizza was on target to surpass his 2018 win total of 125 wins. Beschizza tallied 95 wins through Oct. 9 with his mounts accruing more than \$4.5 million in purses.

STAKES PROBABLES – Next Saturday’s 11-race program at Churchill Downs will feature the Grade III, \$175,000 River City run at 1 1/8 miles on the Matt Winn Turf Course. The following horses are likely to enter the race, according to Churchill Downs’ Assistant Racing Secretary and Stakes Coordinator **Dan Bork: Emmaus (IRE)** (trainer Conor Murphy), **Get Western** (Charlie LoPresti), **Mr. Misunderstood** (Brad Cox) and **Real Story** (Ignacio Correas IV).

Entries for Saturday’s card will take place Wednesday.

DOWN THE STRETCH – Churchill Downs has invited notable local retired jockeys to the Turf Club for a reunion on Saturday afternoon. The jockeys will be honored in Race 7 with a trophy presentation. Attending jockeys include Triple Crown winner **Jean Cruguet** and Kentucky Derby winners **Mike Manganello** and **Craig Perret**. ... The 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot has a three-day carryover of \$20,312 into racing on Saturday. First post is 1 p.m. ... Trainer **Stan Hough** reported that **Scars Are Cool**, a gutsy winner of a first-level allowance contest on Thursday, could be pointed towards the \$200,000 Discovery (GIII) on Nov. 30 at Aqueduct. “It’s one of the last stakes races in the calendar for 3-year-olds. He stumbled a bit in Thursday’s race but ran a strong effort after that. I think he’s going to have a bright future,” Hough said. ... Trainer **Steve Asmussen**’s chief assistant **Scott Blasi** reported Friday night on “Inside Churchill Downs” that \$500,000 La Troienne (GI) winner **She’s a Julie** is getting some time off following her fourth-place finish in last month’s \$500,000 Spinster (GI) at Keeneland. ... The track was labeled as “fast” for training on Saturday with 78 horses donning the work tab. ... Through nine days of racing there have been 73 horses claimed for \$1.892 million, an increase of 15% compared to this stage in 2018. Arguably, the most notable claim at the 2019 Fall Meet was on Nov. 2 when 6-year-old **Pioneer Spirit** was claimed by trainer **Robertino Diodoro** from Brad Cox for \$150,000. ... Entering Saturday’s card at Churchill Downs, **Mike Maker** was two wins away from 400 victories beneath the Twin Spires. He had two entries. Meanwhile, Asmussen is one win away from surpassing **Bill Mott** for second in the all-time standings at Churchill Downs. Asmussen has six entries on Saturday’s program. The Hall of Fame trainers are tied with 717 wins.

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